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14. ABSTRACT <p>The work continues along the lines described in detail in the grant application submitted at AFOSR. This has three main aspects: examining and understanding new phenomena, the role of electronic excitation and the more detailed examination of aspects that are broadly understood but deserve a second look. The technical report below describes a particular example of the third aspect. This has to do with the role of the extreme compression that can be achieved during cluster impact. The point of the detailed examination is to establish that prior to the expansion of the cluster there is indeed a compression stage.</p> <p>The work continues along the lines described in detail in the grant application. Several papers have been submitted/published since the previous report.</p> <p>The work continues along the lines described in detail in the grant application. Several papers have been submitted/ published since the previous report. A complete list is included below. As written in the earlier report, scientists from Air Force laboratories emphasize that for a variety of aerospace related applications it is necessary to better understand light emission from both natural and human-induced perturbations of the atmosphere.</p>						
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Executive summary

The physicochemical properties including energy acquisition, storage and disposal of small ultrahot and superdense clusters has been studied both theoretically and computationally. The study is primarily directed at the understanding of matter under extreme conditions, which is characteristic of many situations of direct interest to the Air Force. In addition the work has developed new computational procedures and also new insights on the cooling mechanisms, with special emphasis on light emission, of hot matter.

The extreme deviation from ambient conditions is achieved by impacting a cold cluster moving at a hypersonic speed at a hard surface. The work explored the physical changes such as the ultrafast rise in pressure of the cluster.

Experiments have already verified many of the reported new features. Work is currently in progress on observing emission from hot water clusters.

In addition to the PI's, graduate student Ms. Ayelet Gross (who will shortly get her PhD) and Dr. Mrs. Haya Kornweitz actively participated in the work. All their work is published or submitted for publication.

One new aspect to emerge from the work is that in a hot system time moves much faster. We are in the process of developing further understanding of ultrashort time processes.

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7. Interactions/Transitions:

The work carried out under the auspices of this proposal has been reported at numerous conferences and seminars, most recently as an invited talk by Ms. Gross at the 2006 National Meeting of the American Chemical Society and as another invited talk by R. D. Levine at the first GRI meeting: Breakthrough Advances in Cluster Science. The abstract of the talk by Levine is attached as an appendix.

Levine has twice visited the Hanscom AFB to talk about systems under extreme conditions. (Fall of 2001 and summer of 2004). PowerPoint presentations of his talks are available upon request.

8. New discoveries, inventions, or patent disclosures. (If none, report None.)

None

9. Honors/Awards: List honors and awards received during the grant/contract period

In October 2002 R D Levine received the EMET Prize in the presence of J L Kinsey and R N Zare. Two one-day symposia were held on that occasion.

In September 2004 R D Levine received the MOLEC 2004 award* at the MOLEC (MOLEcular Collisions) conference in Holland.

The web based instructions for the report tell that lifetime achievement honors should be listed also prior to the present effort. I am not sure if I am to take this literally or not. Here goes **Member:** Academia Europaea (Foreign Member); American Academy of Arts and Sciences (Foreign Honorary Member); American Philosophical Society; International Academy of Quantum Molecular Science; Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities; Max-Planck-Gesellschaft (Foreign Member, Quantum Optics); National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (Foreign Associate); Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters (Foreign Member). **Awards:** Israel Prize (Exact Sciences), 1974; Weizmann Prize, 1979; Wolf Prize, Chemistry 1988; Docteur *honoris causa*, Liege University, 1991; Rothschild Prize, Chemistry, 1992; Doctor *honoris causa*, Technische Universität München, 1996; Max Planck Prize for International Cooperation, 1996.

* The citation reads 'In honor of his outstanding studies of, and pioneering contributions to The Dynamics of Chemical Reactions'.

Chemical, Mechanical and Radiative Cooling Processes: The Thermodynamics of Ultrahot and Dense Clusters

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A cold atomic cluster can be very rapidly heated and compressed by a hypersonic impact at a hard surface. Experiments at the Cluster Research Laboratory of the Toyota Technological Institute and elsewhere have explored this novel regime of dynamics where the duration of collisions within the cluster is so short. Reviews of experimental [1] and theoretical [2] work are available.

Cluster impact can be simulated by computing a classical trajectory for the motion of the atoms in the clusters. This trajectory is mechanically reversible. In this work we discuss why the small cluster behaves like a macroscopic system and how to compute thermodynamic variables from the mechanical simulation using a single trajectory. In particular we compute the entropy of the cluster following the impact, figure 1

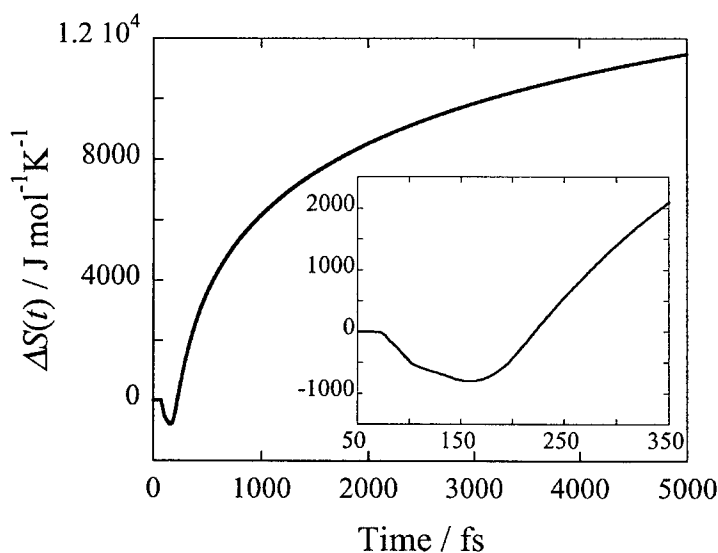


Figure 1. The increase in entropy of a cluster of 125 Ar atoms vs. time in fs. $\Delta S(t)$ is the difference between the current value of the entropy and its value for the cold cluster before the impact at 10 km s^{-1} . As shown in the insert, immediately after the impact the entropy of the cluster decreases because of the compression of the cluster by the impact at the surface. From Gross, A; Levine R.D. J. Chem Phys in press

An essential ingredient in evaluating the entropy is the computation of the pressure. This required a new version of the virial theorem where the mechanical evolution of the cluster is constrained. The details have been published [3]. Here we just draw attention to the rather high pressures within the compressed clusters, figure 2. Furthermore, as shown in the figure, in the new dynamical regime the scaling of the pressure is not like the familiar law of corresponding states.

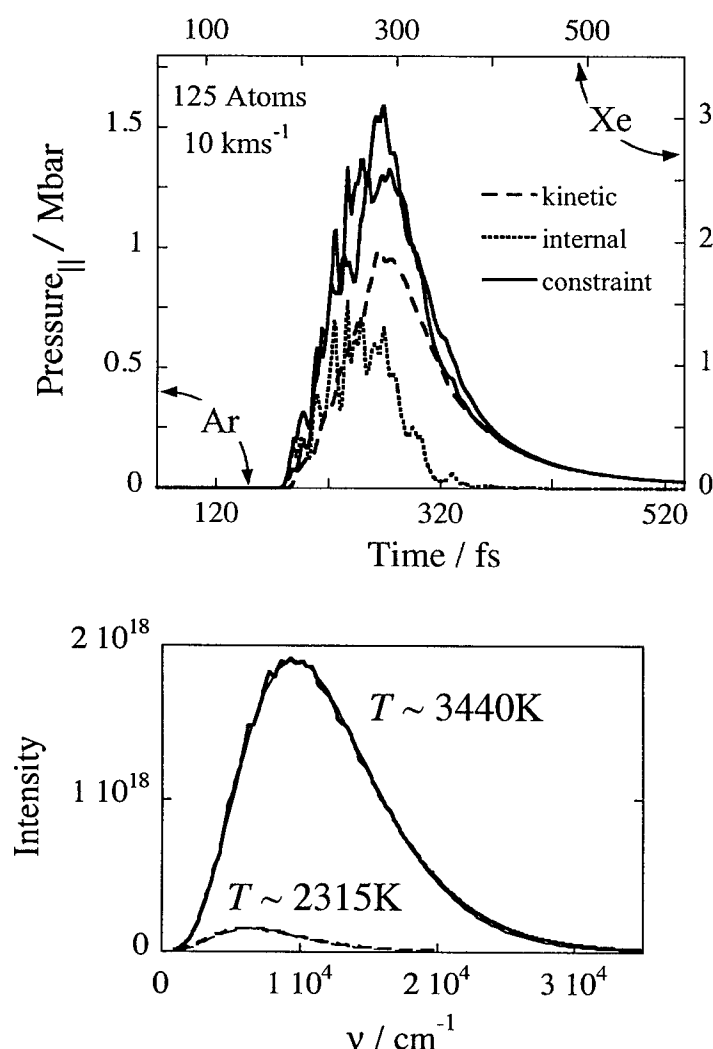


Figure 2. The pressure component in the direction parallel to the surface, solid line, in Mbar units, exerted by a cluster of 125 Ar atoms, left ordinate, or 125 Xe atoms, right ordinate vs. time in fs. The simulations are for impact velocity of 10 km s^{-1} in a direction normal to the surface. The scale of the two ordinates is in the ratio of 1.94/1. The pressure is computed from the virial theorem as a sum of two components shown, for Xe, as dashed and dotted curves.

Figure 3. Emission spectrum of a hot cluster. The temperature is that of the electrons.

Radiative cooling occurs due to the transient dipole moment of the compressed cluster. Here too, due to the short time scale the dipole is very rapidly varying leading to emission all the way to the visible. The thermodynamic analysis of the spectrum has been published [4] and is shown in figure 3. The smooth line through the computation is the theory for a given mean kinetic energy of the electrons (expressed as a temperature).

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